

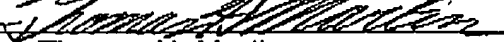
readable on the elected species and consented to the withdrawal of the claims readable on the non-elected species. (See, September Amendment, page 9, second full paragraph). A copy of page 9 of the September Amendment with the relevant portion underlined is attached as Exhibit A for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant submits that the September Amendment is fully responsive as filed and respectfully requests the Examiner to so indicate in the next Action.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

Respectfully submitted,

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